

# Brookhaven National Laboratory Sustainability Program

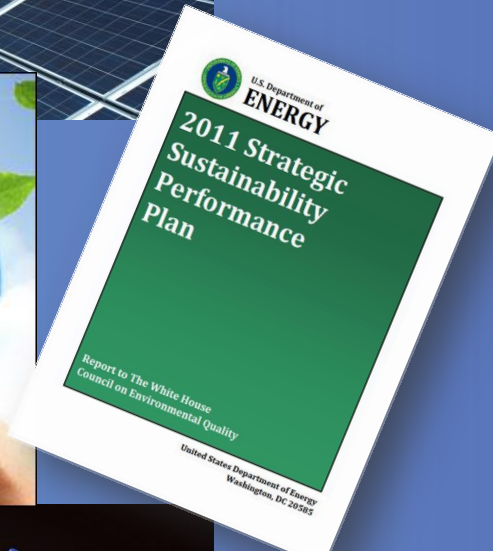
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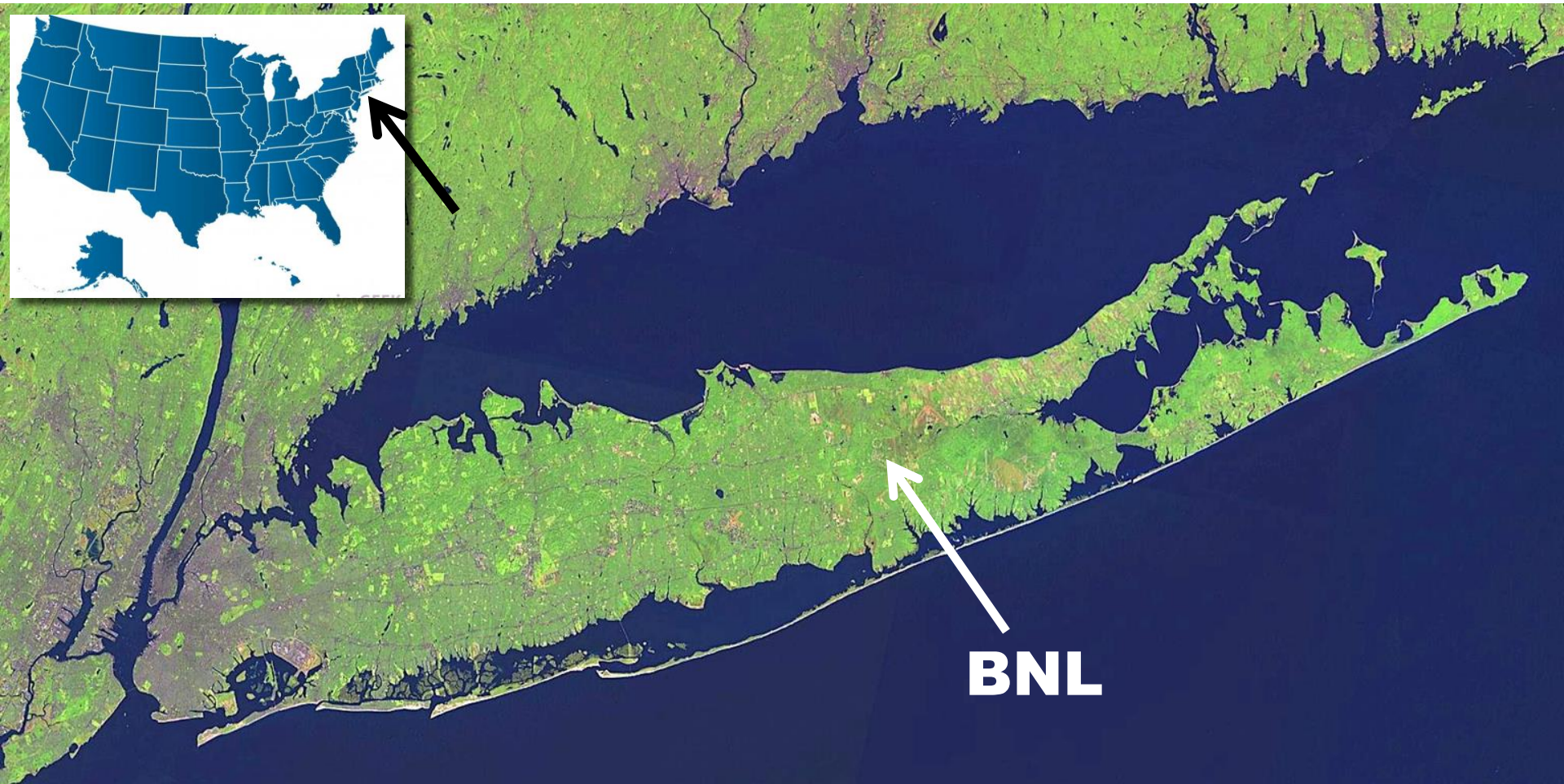


# BNL Overview



# Brookhaven National Laboratory

*Upton, Long Island, New York, USA 11973*



**BNL**



# Brookhaven National Laboratory

## *A passion for discovery*



2153 ha

321 buildings

450,000 m<sup>2</sup>

56 km  
paved roads

19 km  
sidewalks

Housing for 550

3000 employees

> 4000 guest users per year

FY 10

FY 11

FY 12

FY 13

\$700M

\$769M

\$747M

\$744M

# Major Research Areas and Facilities

- Photon Sciences
- Nuclear & Particle Physics
- Energy
- Environment & Life Sciences
- National Security



National Synchrotron Light Source



National Synchrotron Light Source II



Center for Functional Nanomaterials



Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider



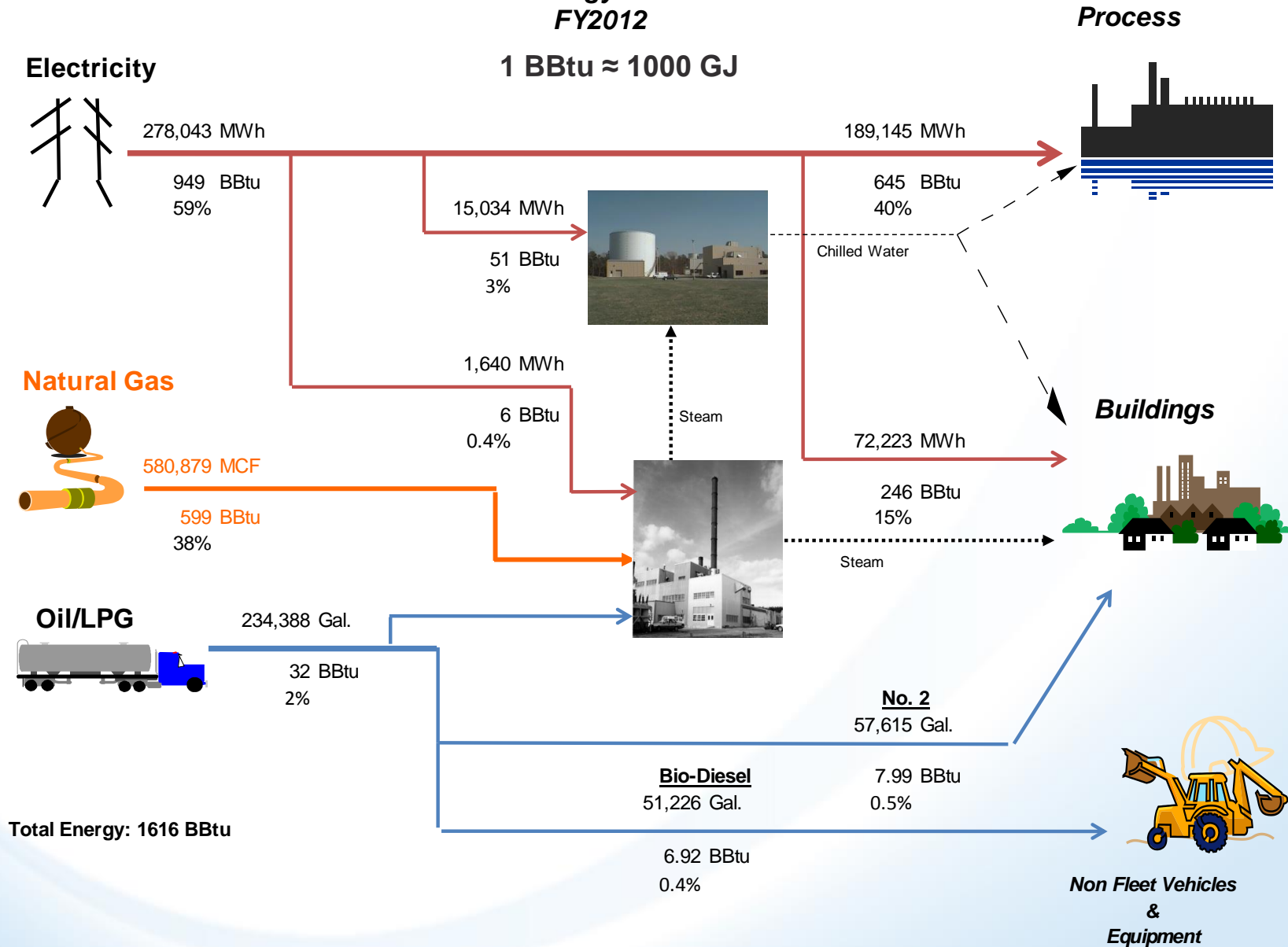
New York Blue Supercomputer

# Energy and Carbon Footprints



# Brookhaven National Laboratory Energy Use FY2012

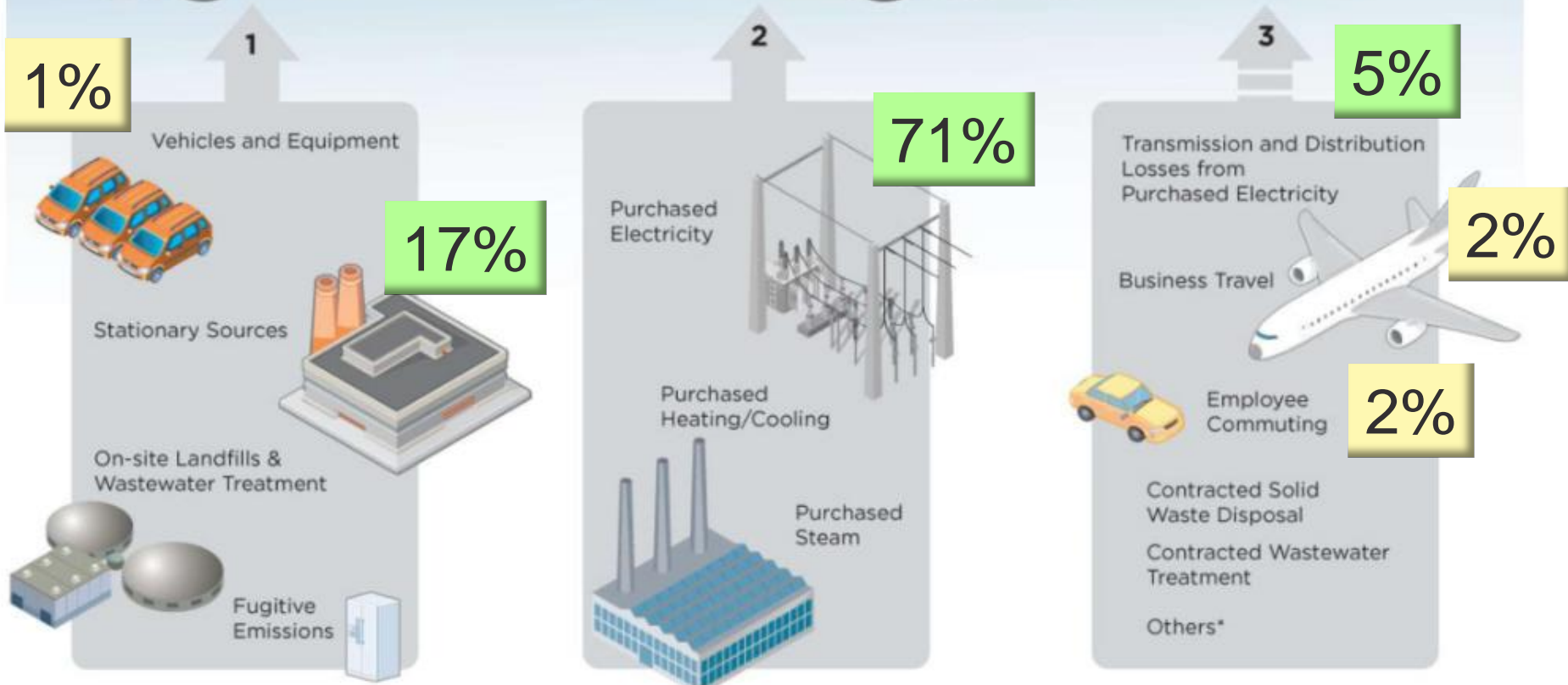
1 BBtu ≈ 1000 GJ





# Common Sources of Federal Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Energy Use represents 93% of BNL GHG Production



## SCOPE 1:

Greenhouse gas emissions from sources that are owned or controlled by a Federal agency.

## SCOPE 2:

Greenhouse gas emissions resulting from the generation of electricity, heat, or steam purchased by a Federal agency.

## SCOPE 3:

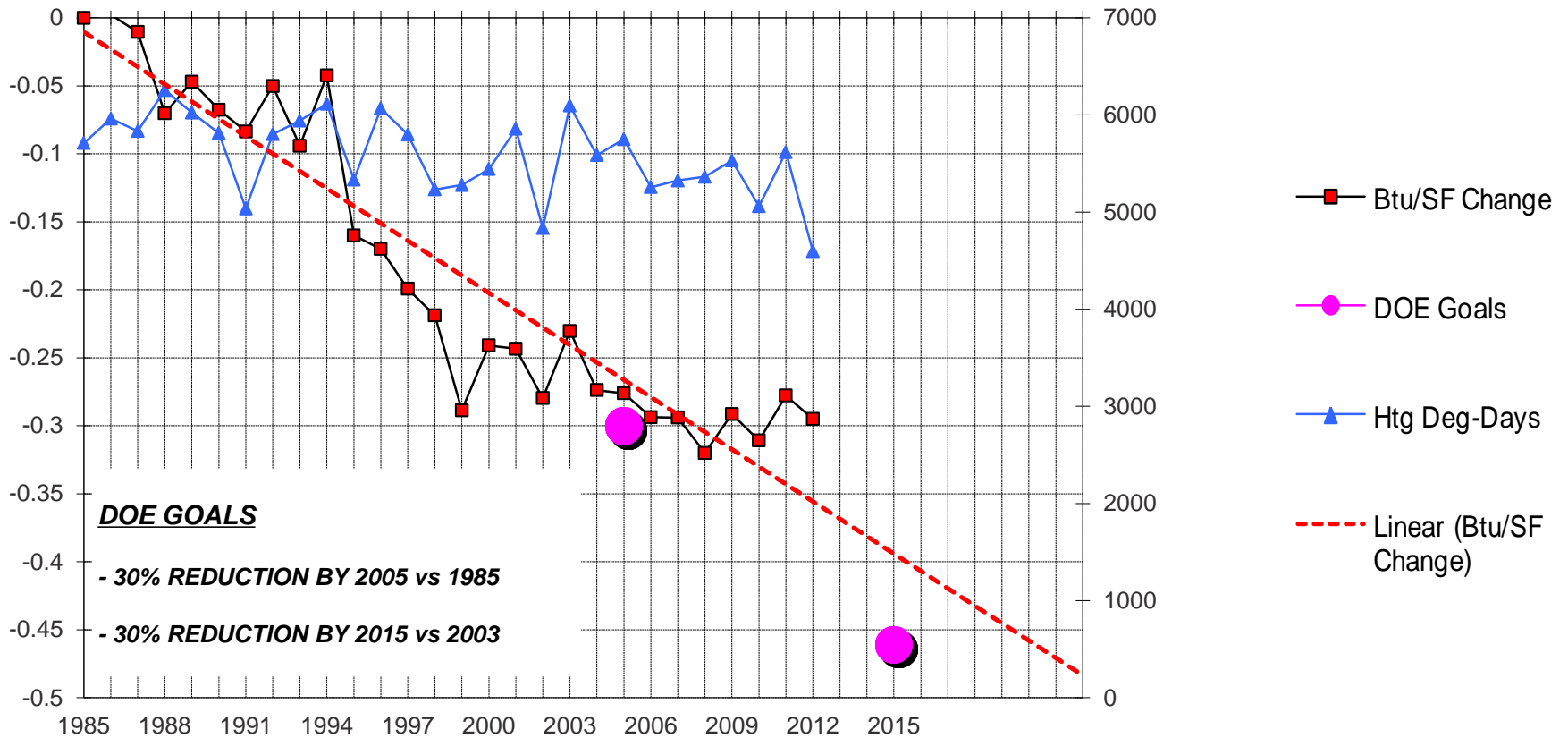
Greenhouse gas emissions from sources not owned or directly controlled by a Federal agency but related to agency activities.

# BNL's Energy Efforts – Some History

- BNL has a long and successful history of identifying and implementing energy conservation projects
- Began an energy conservation program in 1973 to combat high energy costs (first oil crisis)
- Over \$60 million has been invested in a wide range of efforts that has curbed BNL's energy consumption dramatically
- Energy intensity (Btu/GSF) has been reduced by over 54% comparing FY2012 to FY1973
  - Saves about \$15 million/year in energy costs
  - Over 110,000 MTCO<sub>2</sub>e per year avoided

# BUILDING ENERGY PERFORMANCE

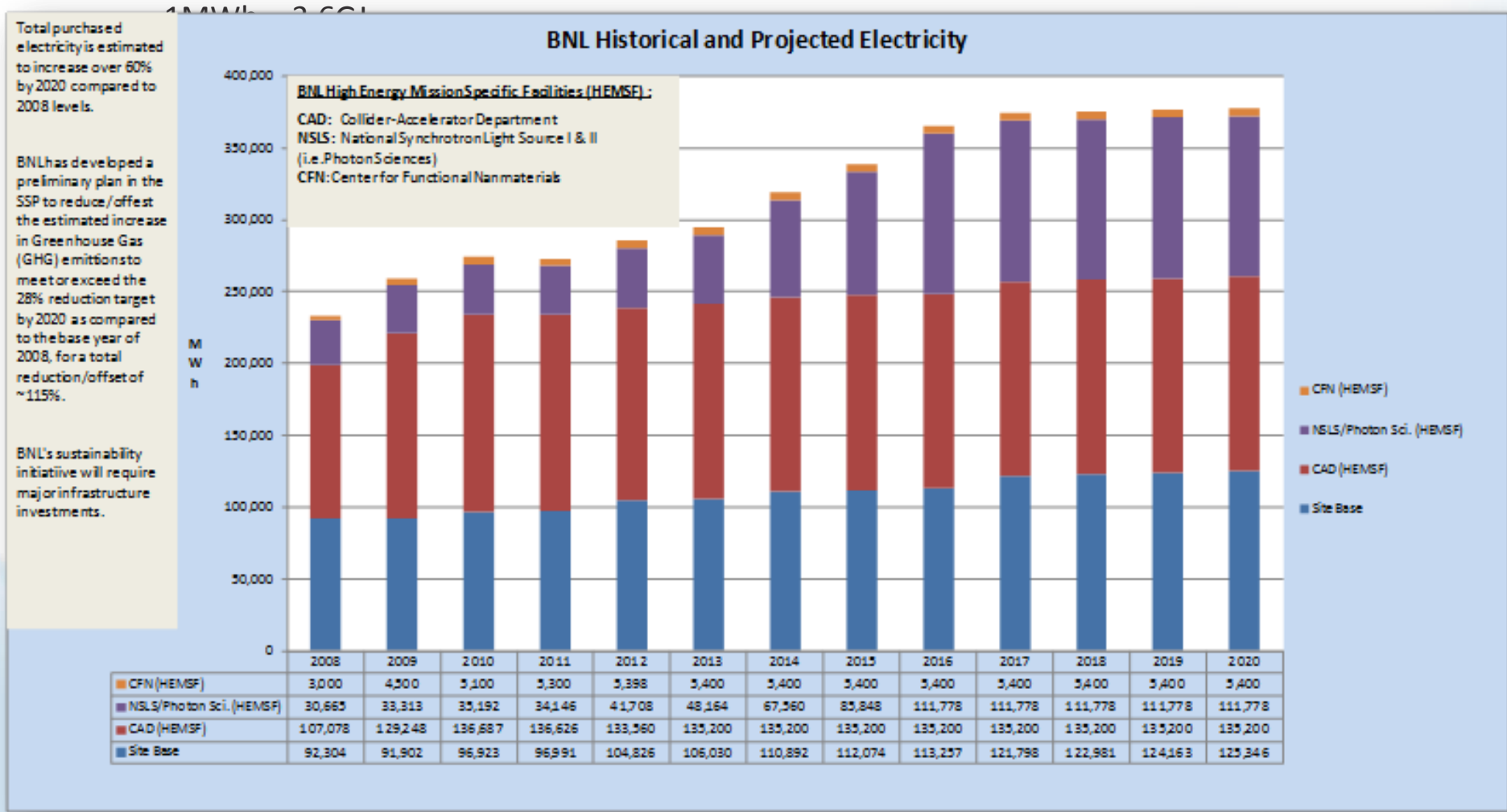
## BTU / FT<sup>2</sup> Change (%) vs. Baseline Years





# BNL Energy Usage

- BNL's electricity use is driven by research budgets and operation of our accelerators and research facilities. "Base load" follows with site activity.



# BNL Energy and Sustainability Accomplishments

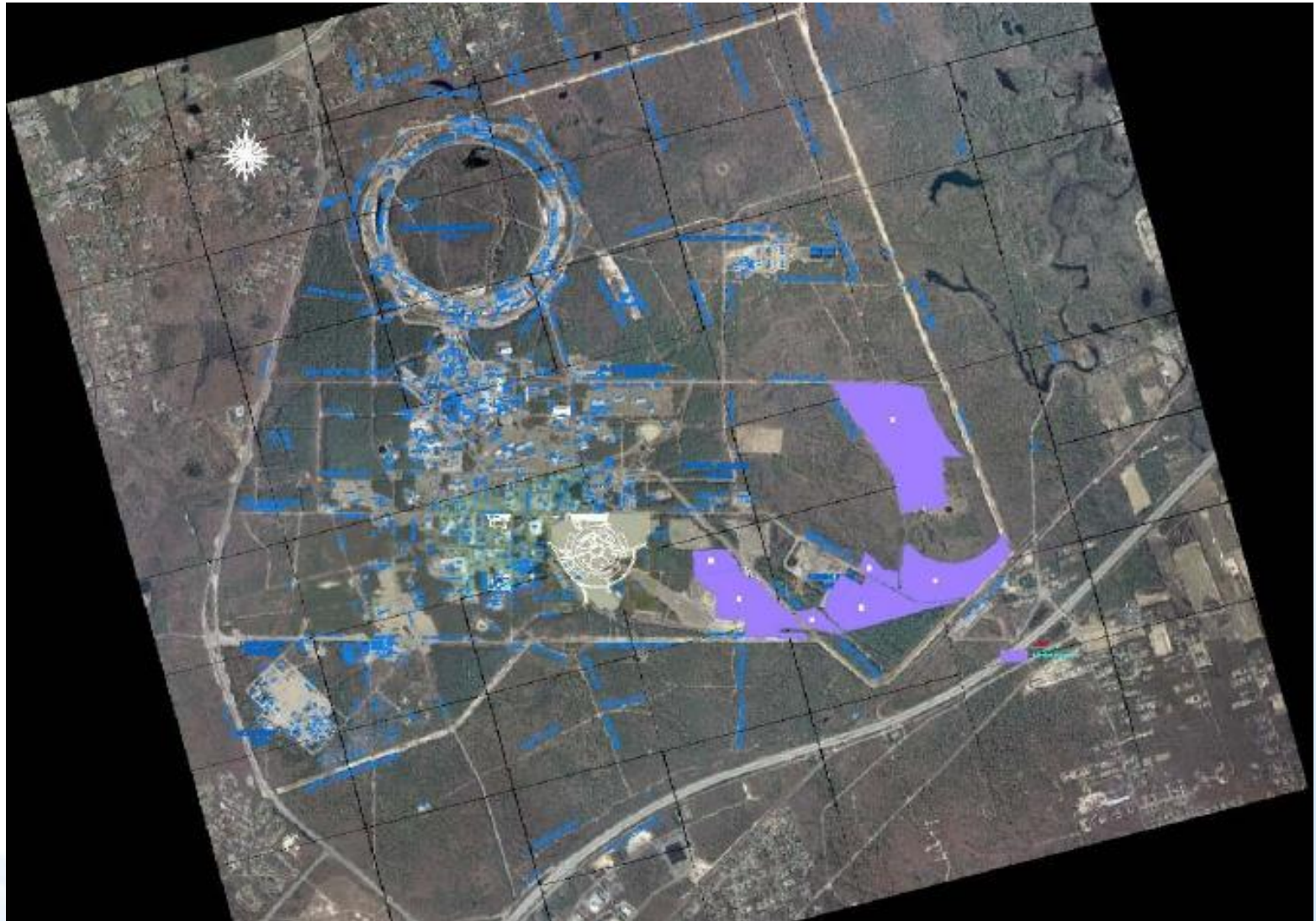
# Long Island Solar Farm at BNL

- DOE and BNL made the BNL site available to host a major solar PV array
- The project executed through a Request for Proposal from the local utility (Long Island Power Authority)
- About 80 ha (200 acres) of federal land was made available through an easement
- The project began commercial operation in November 2011, produces 31.5 MW peak, and avoids ~31,000 tons of carbon per year
- Both commercial array and a 1 MW BNL array will be utilized by BNL research programs





# Long Island Solar Farm at BNL



# LISF: Estimated Output and Cost

## Long Island Solar Farm (LISF)

LIPA PPA Payment Agreement*	\$	298,000,000
Installed construction cost (no OH&P)	\$	165,000,000
Construction cost only	\$	5,238 /kW

			PPA		
kW	Est kWh/yr	Est. Cap Factor	Term (yrs)	kWh	Ave. \$/kWh
31,500	44,000,000	0.16	20	880,000,000	\$ 0.34

### Notes:

PPA includes financing, OH&P, O&M and tax credit

Construction cost indicated is not confirmed

1 kWh = 3.6 MJ

# NYPA Hydroelectric Power Contract

- On March 1, 2011, BNL began receiving 15MW of hydropower from NYPA
  - 120,000,000 kWh / year (45% of BNL power)
  - “Wheeled” to BNL from upstate New York
  - New York State allocates this power to encourage economic development
- The power costs less than \$0.05/kWh
  - No capital investment for BNL
  - Capital recovery is in the electric rate
- Inexpensive electricity enables BNL’s accelerators to run longer– more research
- Hydropower is renewable!
  - Some consider it not “green” enough...
  - Reduces GHG emissions by approximately 78,000 MtCO<sub>2</sub>e per year (compared to local fossil mix)





# Chilled Water Thermal Storage

- BNL's 7,200-ton (25,000 kW) Central Chilled Water Plant includes Chilled Water Thermal Storage
  - 11,400,000 liters of chilled water
  - Stratified tank (maintains thermocline)
  - 22,000 ton-hours (280 GJ) thermal storage at 10°F (6°C) delta-T
- Total construction cost = \$3.5 million
- Benefits of thermal storage:
  - Avoids \$400,000/year of electric cost through day / night demand shifting
  - Provides additional chilled water capacity for peak summer days (BNL capacity constrained)
  - Provides reliable chilled water supply to critical process (computer) loads



# BNL's New Buildings Meet Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED)

- USGBC rating system that focuses on sustainable design:
  - Sustainable Site Development
  - Water Efficiency
  - Materials & Resources
  - Energy & Atmosphere
  - Indoor Air Quality
  - Innovation and Design Process
- Center for Functional Nano-materials (CFN) & Research Support Building (RSB) both obtained Silver
- Interdisciplinary Science Building Phase-I (ISB) is going for Gold



Interdisciplinary Science Building (ISB) at Brookhaven National Laboratory  
Upton, New York



# NSLS-II LEED Status

- **The NSLS-II is registered under two LEED projects**

- \$912 million facility

- **Ring Building – LEED Silver**

- 37,000 m<sup>2</sup> “process” facility
- Houses electron accelerator & experimental beam lines
- Features process cooling design that substantially reduces use of refrigeration by increased operating temperatures; “free cooling” via cooling tower



- **Lab-Office Buildings (LOBs) – LEED Gold**

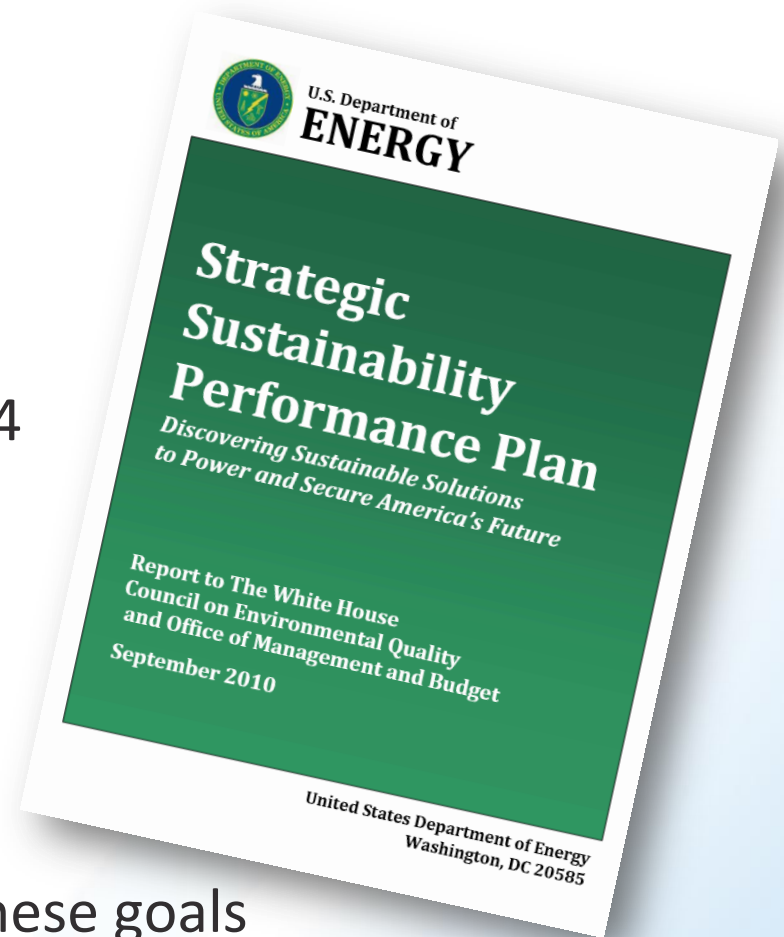
- Five (5) identical, 3,700 m<sup>2</sup> buildings contiguous to Ring Building
- Optimized features for labs and offices including: efficient envelope, lighting and controls; day-lighting; high reflectivity roof; recycled and regional content; enhanced commissioning and monitoring; 34% energy reduction (ASHRAE 90.1 2004)



# Site Sustainability Goals and Plan

# DOE Background

- DOE has developed a Strategic Sustainability Performance Plan in response to Executive Order 13514
- The plan establishes Department goals in a wide variety of areas of sustainability
- DOE requires each laboratory to develop and implement a Site Sustainability Plan to flow down these goals
- BNL's first annual plan was submitted on December 31, 2010. Update for the 2014 submission is underway.



# Site Sustainability Plan (SSP) – Major Goals

- 28% reduction Scope 1 & 2 greenhouse gas by 2020 from 2008 baseline
- 30% reduction energy intensity by 2015 from a 2003 baseline
- 7.5% of annual electricity consumption from renewable sources by 2010
- 2% per year reduction in fleet petroleum consumption by 2015 relative to 2005 baseline
  - 30% reduction vehicle fleet petroleum use by 2020 from 2005 baseline
- 10% per year increase in fleet alternative fuel consumption from 2005 baseline
- 75% of new light duty vehicles purchased must use alternate fuel by 2015
- Every site to have at least one renewable energy generating system by 2010
- 100% new facilities “net-zero” energy after 2030
- 16% water intensity reduction by 2015 from a 2007 baseline; 26% by 2020; 20% reduction in industrial / other water use by 2020 from 2010 baseline

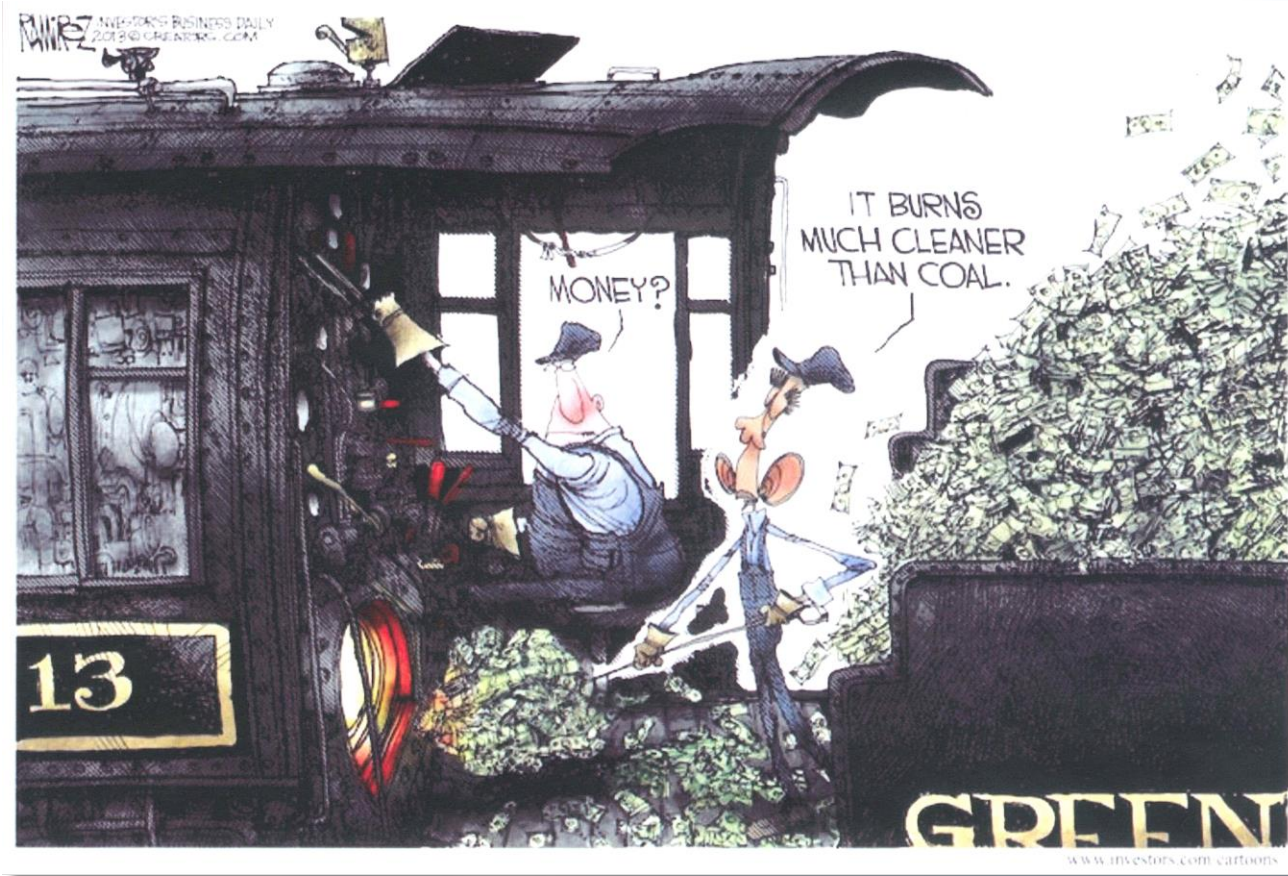


# Sample of Current Sustainability Actions

- Energy Conservation Projects: Phase I (UESC)
  - Lighting upgrades (17 buildings)
  - Enhanced energy controls and retro-commissioning (10 Buildings)
  - Chiller efficiency project
  - Implemented with a Utility Energy Service Contract (UESC)
- High Performance Sustainable Buildings (HPSB)
  - Upgrade 18 existing (older) buildings to meet LEED HPSB standards
  - Computer / data center efficiency improvements
- Renewable Energy
  - Hosting the Long Island Solar Farm
  - Purchasing Renewable Energy Credits (REC's)
  - Northeast Solar Energy Research Center (NESRC)

# Sustainability Programs Must Conserve Scarce Capital

- Capital is a very constrained resource
- Useful for solving all kinds of problems
- Do “biggest-bang-for-the-buck” projects
  - Most energy savings
  - Most reliable
  - Most available
  - Most environmental benefit / \$ invested
  - Economic paybacks
- Technical experts must help separate the reality from the “hype”.

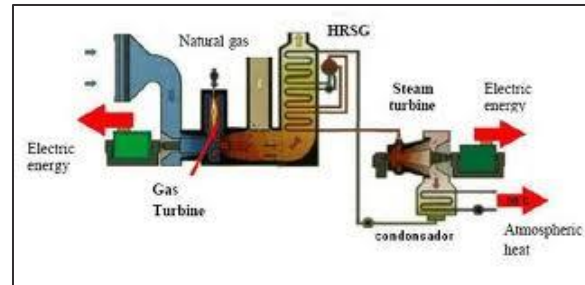


# Future Vision



# Future Sustainability Actions (Cont'd)

- Energy Conservation Projects: Phase II (UESC)
  - Lighting upgrades, enhanced controls, retro-commissioning
  - Steam system improvements
- Combined Heat and Power Plant (CHP)
  - Cogeneration of electric power and steam
- Other Initiatives
  - Modernization of the BNL site
  - Chilled water storage increase
  - Small wind and solar PV projects
  - Biomass evaluations
  - Alternatively fueled vehicles
  - Reduction of waste
  - Employee engagement and outreach



# BNL's Vision Integrates Science and Sustainability

## ■ BNL Sustainability Steering Committee

- Senior leadership from:
  - Research
  - Facilities & Operations
  - ES&H
  - Communications / Public Affairs



## ■ Leverage 32 MW Solar PV Project

- Currently the largest solar PV project in the Northeast
- Northeast Solar Energy Research Center (NESRC)

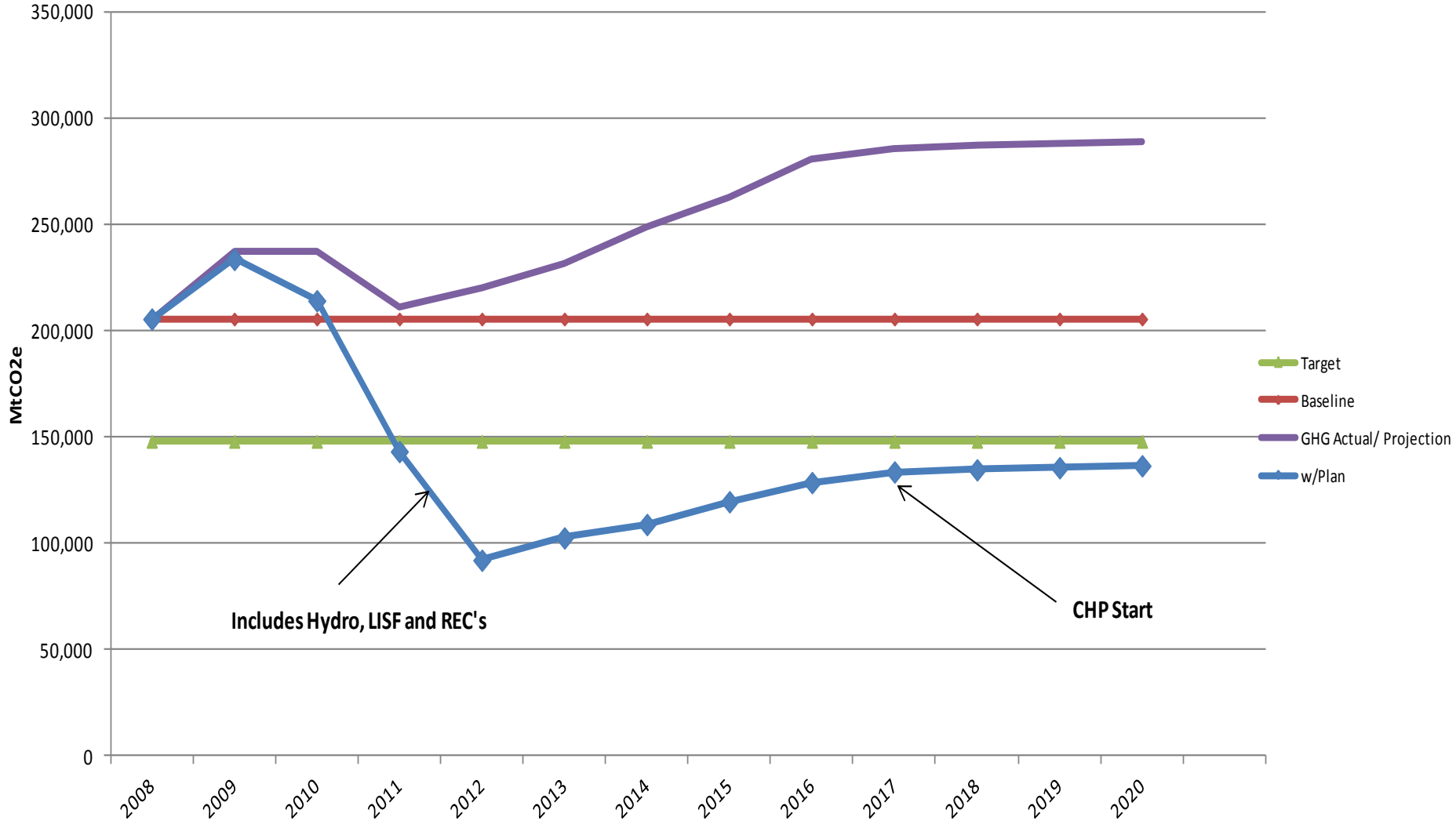
## ■ Other major energy research initiatives

- Biofuels
- Energy storage / Batteries
- Advanced Electrical Grid Innovation, Information and Support Center (AEGIS)
- Smart Grid research



## ■ Continue to seek the most economical / environmentally friendly energy for BNL

# Brookhaven National Laboratory - GHG



Includes Hydro, LISF and REC's

CHP Start



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